(7) To use Internet as an efficient and cost effective media for promoting tourism to India in the current context.

(8) To arrange special farm tours for foreign media and trade to get a first hand idea of prevalent safety and security in the country.

(9) Not to cancel planned events to avoid panic. Strengthen participation.

(10) To try and tap Chinese outbound market.

(11) Goverment of India Tourist Offices (GOITOs) abroad to concentrate on foreign travel press to create confidence in the international trade and to conserve resources.

Rent Revision for the Residence of Indian High Commissioner in UK

*80. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rent of residence of Indian High Commissioner in UK was revised by renewing the lease for 65 years effective from 1990;

(b) if so, the financial involvement of Government of India in the renewal;

(c) whether similar exercise has been done for revising the rent of 2, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, which is leased to the British High Commissioner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) yes, Sir. The lease of the property at KPG London, the residence of the High Commissioner of India in UK, was renewed with effect from April, 1990, for a period of 65 years. The terms and conditions for the renewal of lease include a premium of Pound Sterling 14 million and a ground rental of Pound Sterling 10,000 per annum. The ground rental to be increased to Pound Sterling 20,000 per annum in the 22nd year of the lease and Pound Sterling 40,000 per annum in the 42nd year of the lease.

(c) and (d) The matter of revising the rental of 2, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, which is leased to the British High Commission in New Delhi is under consideration. It may be mentioned that the proposal for renewal of the lease of No.2 Rajaji Marg has already been forwarded to the British High Commission.